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In re the Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/750,185

Group Art Unit: 1648

Filed: December 29, 2000

Examiner: LI, BAO Q.

For: VIRUS LIKE PARTICLES, THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR USE PREFERABLY
IN PHARMACEUTICALS SCREENING AND FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS

RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002.

In accordance with the requirement to restrict to a single inventive concept under 35 USC
121, Applicant selects for examination Group XVIII, claims 213-231 without traverse.

In compliance with the elect-of-species requirement, Applicant elects as species:

ad A: species 2) Electrostatic forces

ad B: species III) budding through the membrane

ad C: species a) A receptor

ad D: species 1a) A viral capsid protein

ad E: species 2a) A retrovirus

Election of species is made with traverse, as election of species **F, G, and H**, cannot be done. The requirement fails to identify where in claims 213-231 such multiple species are recited. Moreover, multiple species **F, G, and H** are not, in fact, mentioned in claims 213-231.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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